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1. Traces of uranium were discovered in 1952 near the Majdanpek Copper Mine and very close to the Bulgarian border. Yugoslavia is not working these discoveries because they are too close to Bulgaria; for security reasons preparations are being made only for future operations. A committee is now working on this project. All information relative to the uranium discovery has been kept secret as Yugoslavia is afraid her enemies will attempt to occupy the area if aware of the discovery. In April 1953 the extent of this deposit was not known.

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3. In Istria there are 50 to 60 seams of coal. These seams run from one to three feet thick and contain seven per cent sulfur. Traces of uranium ore were found in this coal in 1951. These traces of uranium have proven more important than was at first thought and Yugoslavia is guarding this discovery very zealously. [REDACTED] when the Italians became aware of the uranium potential in Istria, [REDACTED] do know that it is the cause of very bitter feeling between the two countries even though there is very little publicity about it.

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4. Up to April 1953 there was no direct trade between Yugoslavia and the Satellites. [REDACTED] however, that there was trade between Yugoslavia and the Satellites through Austrian agencies.

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